

MORE STATES IN BID TO ARSENAL

Representatives of Kansas, Nebraska and the Dakotas Urged to Attend Mid-West Conference.

SENATOR LEWIS IS TO ATTEND

Hoped to Have Him and Congressman Mann on Program at Banquet to Be Held Oct. 15.

Senators and members of congress from Kansas, Nebraska, North Dakota and South Dakota have been added to the list of statesmen invited to be the guests of Rock Island, Davenport, Moline, East Moline and Bettendorf at the mid-west conference on preparedness which will be held in this community Oct. 14 and 15.

Eighteen senators and 25 representatives have now been asked to come here at the expense of the commercial organizations of the five cities, to discuss the question of preparedness and to inspect the Rock Island arsenal. Invitations have also been sent to members of congress from other states in order that those sufficiently interested may feel at liberty to attend at their own expense, should they so desire. Many prominent business men of Iowa and Illinois will also receive invitations.

Senator Lewis of Illinois, through Representative Clyde H. Taveener of the Fourteenth Illinois district, has already announced his intention of attending the conference. Senator Lewis believes that the most intelligent move in the direction of preparedness would be the enlargement of the Rock Island arsenal. He would like to see that plant become one of the greatest munitions factories in the world.

Plants Too Near Sea.

Senator Lewis states his reasons for urging the extension of the Rock Island arsenal, as follows:

"Eighty percent of our war material is manufactured within 200 miles of New York, dangerously close to possible attacks from an invading army. The Rock Island arsenal is on a government island, has 800 acres within its boundaries and is on the Mississippi at a point highly favorable to the receipt of raw materials and the distribution of manufactured product. Only a small portion of the island's area is used for the present shops.

FORD'S BRAINS TO HELP SOLVE PROBLEMS OF DEFENSE



Henry Ford and Secretary Daniels in conference.

Washington, D. C., Sept. 26.—Secretary Daniels is confident that Henry Ford, the Detroit automobile manufacturer, will make good his promise to help the navy develop a motor that will revolutionize underwater warfare.

"I think that, with some of the machines that can be constructed, we or no one else, will win war. There is enough ingenuity in America to dominate the earth."

"You would make war so terrible that nobody would risk it," Mr. Ford was asked.

"My idea is to show the folly of war," replied Mr. Ford.

Mr. Ford promised to do all in his power to devise a suitable type of motor for the navy. He will discuss at some later day with Mr. Daniels his proposition to control airships by wireless, so that they can be sent into territory of the enemy and drop bombs without a pilot abroad. Such a development in high technique in submarines and airships, Mr. Ford thinks, would drive the world to peace since it would destroy every nation which persisted in fighting under such conditions.

Secretary Daniels said he would not go down in the submarine with Mr. Ford but probably would assign Admiral Grant to go with him. He said Mr. Ford had told him that no man ever had an idea that could not be worked out, and no man can conceive a big thing but that it can be made into a machine or a tool.

The use of the gas engine to propel submarines chiefly interested Mr.

which have thirty acres of floor space and employ 2,000 men. There is space for the building of a manufacturing city two miles long. Plenty of skilled workers are to be found in the surrounding cities of Rock Island, Moline and Davenport.

President Garrison of the committee of fifteen is particularly anxious to secure the attendance at the conference of Representative James R. Mann of Illinois, the republican leader of the lower house. Mr. Mann is a recent convert to the idea of adequate preparedness, having formerly opposed with his well known force and skill large appropriations for the army and navy. But in a speech in St. Louis last Tuesday night Mr. Mann announced him self as in sympathy with increased appropriations for national defense.

Organization lacking.

"We have the wealth," he said, "and

we have the men. But we do not have the organization, the means, the experience, or the methods sufficiently developed and provided to make proper defense against foe or attack. We must provide all that is necessary for our protection and we must do it soon and completely."

Secretary Garrison of the committee of fifteen will leave for Chicago to-morrow to confer with Senator Lewis and Mr. Mann concerning the conference. The committee is anxious to secure both of them as speakers at the meeting on the evening of the 15th.

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Council Inspects Huber Property, But No Agreement Is Reached With the Owners.

heighten, gray hair and stooped shoulders.

Police are on the lookout for two touring cars stolen in Davenport early last evening. Both machines are valuable.

ALLOW FIVE DAYS IN PHEASANT HUNTING

Springfield, Ill., Sept. 26.—Illinois apportioners are to have five days pheasant hunting, beginning October 1, according to an announcement of the state game and fish commission today.

Although not generally realized, it is said there are many thousands of pheasants in the woodlands and prairies of the state. The birds, descendants of English pheasants imported by the state, never before have been subjected to an open season in Illinois.

During the last year employees of the game and fish commission "set out" or released more than 6,000 birds hatched under the direction of the state.

Under the law passed by the legislature permitting the hunting of pheasants from October 1 to 5 of each year, it is only permissible to kill two birds in any day and these must be cock pheasants.

The council came to no nearer an agreement on the Huber sidewalk controversy when it inspected Ninth avenue between Twenty-seventh and Thirtieth streets yesterday afternoon.

The commission, however, informally expressed itself as being opposed to granting the estate permission to grade back from the curb of the street and is asking that a sidewalk be constructed; a concrete retaining wall erected for a height of a few feet from the ground, and any grading of the property needed then to commence at the wall.

The owners of the property are not willing to do this, and the result is

that the controversy remains unsettled.

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W.H. Handel Estates,
Clinton, Iowa, Sept. 26.—To manage and control the scattered estates of G. W. Dulany, Jr., a Hannibal, Mo., millionaire lumberman, a corporation has just been formed in Delaware. The novel corporation will have its headquarters in Clinton with D. W. Dulany, Jr., his son, as the chief executive officer.

Crossing the Strait.

Talking about funny typographical errors, the Christian Register recalls how once upon a time a clergyman, writing of his travels in that paper,

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was made to say that he had crossed the straits of Messina "in twelve hops."

It should have been "twelve hours."

All the news at the time—The Argus.